

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-5 and 27-29 are pending in the application. Claims 3-5 are amended.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 3-5 and 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated, allegedly, by U.S. Patent No. 6,185,208 (“Liao”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant’s attorney, Christian Nicholes, called Examiner Nawaz on December 7, 2006, and asked whether a certain proposed amendment to Claim 3 would make Claim 3 allowable over the cited art. Examiner Nawaz expressed his opinion that the proposed amendment would make Claim 3 allowable over the cited art, but that he would need to consult with his supervisor before providing a Notice of Allowance. The proposed amendment has been made in this reply. The amendment to Claim 3 clarifies that the “buffer size” describes a number of characters that the mobile device can receive on input **“into a hardware buffer on the device”** without loss of input data. Applicants request entry of the amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 3, as amended, is patentable over Liao under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Claims 4 and 5 also have been amended to recite that the “capacity” of the mobile device is a capacity “of a hardware buffer” of the mobile device. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 4 and 5, as amended, are also patentable over Liao under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for at least the same reasons that Claim 3 is patentable over Liao.

Claims 27-29 depend from Claims 3-5, respectively. By virtue of this dependence, Claims 27-29 inherit the distinguished features of the claims from which they depend. For at

least this reason, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 27-29 are also patentable over Liao under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

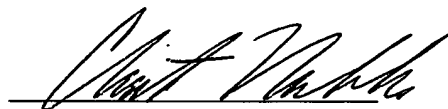
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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